



# TOP TEN MYTHS ABOUT



WHEATON ACADEMY

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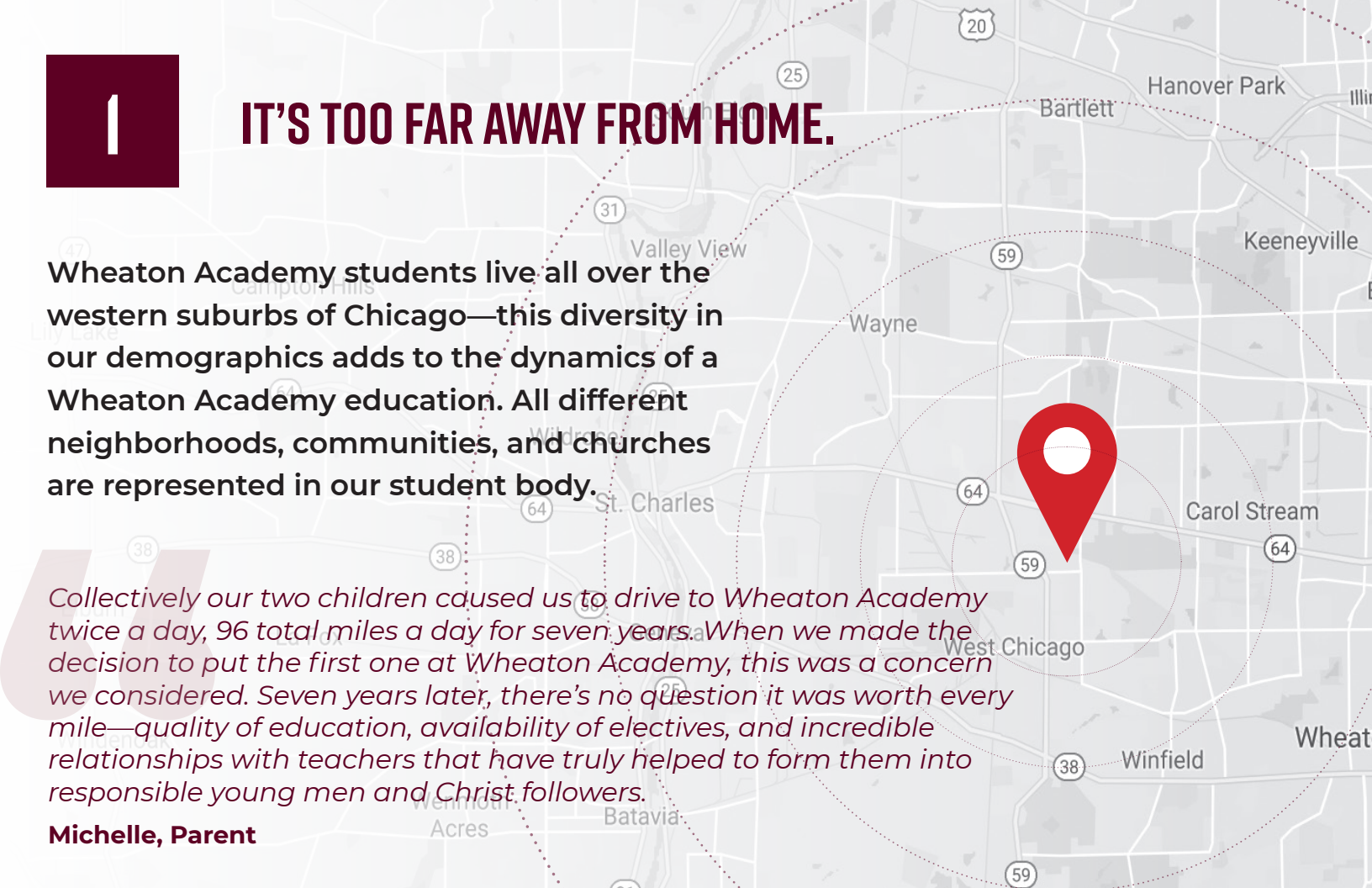
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## IT'S TOO FAR AWAY FROM HOME.

Wheaton Academy students live all over the western suburbs of Chicago—this diversity in our demographics adds to the dynamics of a Wheaton Academy education. All different neighborhoods, communities, and churches are represented in our student body.

*Collectively our two children caused us to drive to Wheaton Academy twice a day, 96 total miles a day for seven years. When we made the decision to put the first one at Wheaton Academy, this was a concern we considered. Seven years later, there's no question it was worth every mile—quality of education, availability of electives, and incredible relationships with teachers that have truly helped to form them into responsible young men and Christ followers.*

**Michelle, Parent**



# 2

## I CAN'T DRIVE MY STUDENT TO SCHOOL IN THE MORNING OR AFTERNOON.

All roads lead to Wheaton Academy! Many of our families who live within the 30-minute radius carpool with one another. This network helps ease the burden of commuting—both before and after the school day. We can help put you in contact with a family near you!

**50**  
MINUTES  
LONGEST COMMUTE

**60**  
ZIP CODES  
REPRESENTED

**50**  
CITIES  
REPRESENTED



# 3

## PAYING FOR HIGH SCHOOL IS NOT A WORTHWHILE PRIORITY.

A Christian education is not just a cost—it is an investment in your student’s life. Wheaton Academy seeks to nurture growth in every area of a student’s life. 100% of our faculty and staff are empowered to speak biblical truth to our students—an invaluable benefit as students face tough questions during high school. **Every high school promotes a worldview, and Wheaton Academy parents continually thank us for echoing the Christ-centered, biblical worldview of their home in our curriculum and school culture.** But not only are students mentored and prepared spiritually, our college readiness distinctives equip students to excel far beyond their high school careers.

*I entered freshman year having a relationship with God, but I was stalled in my faith. Since then, I have encountered God in profound ways at Wheaton Academy. Bible classes enabled me to defend my faith but also share the Gospel, and the combination of living curriculum teachers, activities, and regular Chapels set me on fire for the Lord.*

**Ann, Class of 2019**

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## IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.

The value of a Wheaton Academy education is immeasurable. We strongly believe in a socio-economically diverse student body, and we prioritize this value by providing tuition reduction to families who demonstrate financial need.

***\$2 MILLION***

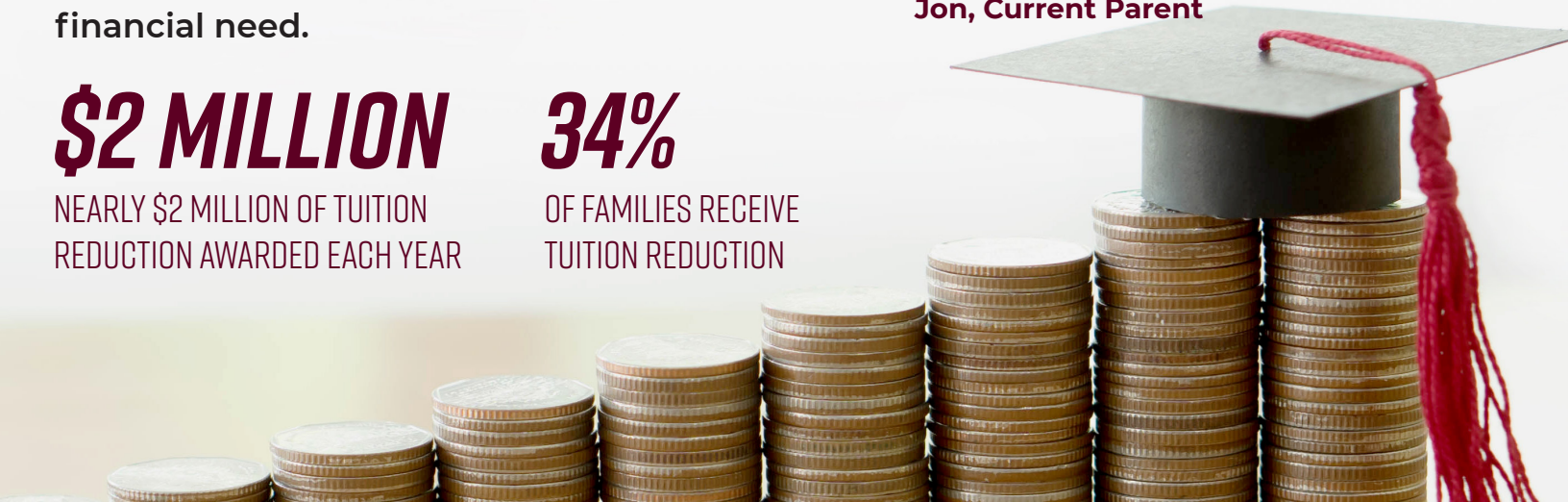
NEARLY \$2 MILLION OF TUITION  
REDUCTION AWARDED EACH YEAR

***34%***

OF FAMILIES RECEIVE  
TUITION REDUCTION

*Financial assistance made Wheaton Academy affordable for my family. I am convinced my daughter was able to graduate college in three years because of the academic preparation she received here. This jump-start saved our family thousands of dollars in the end! We are so grateful for our daughter's experience here.*

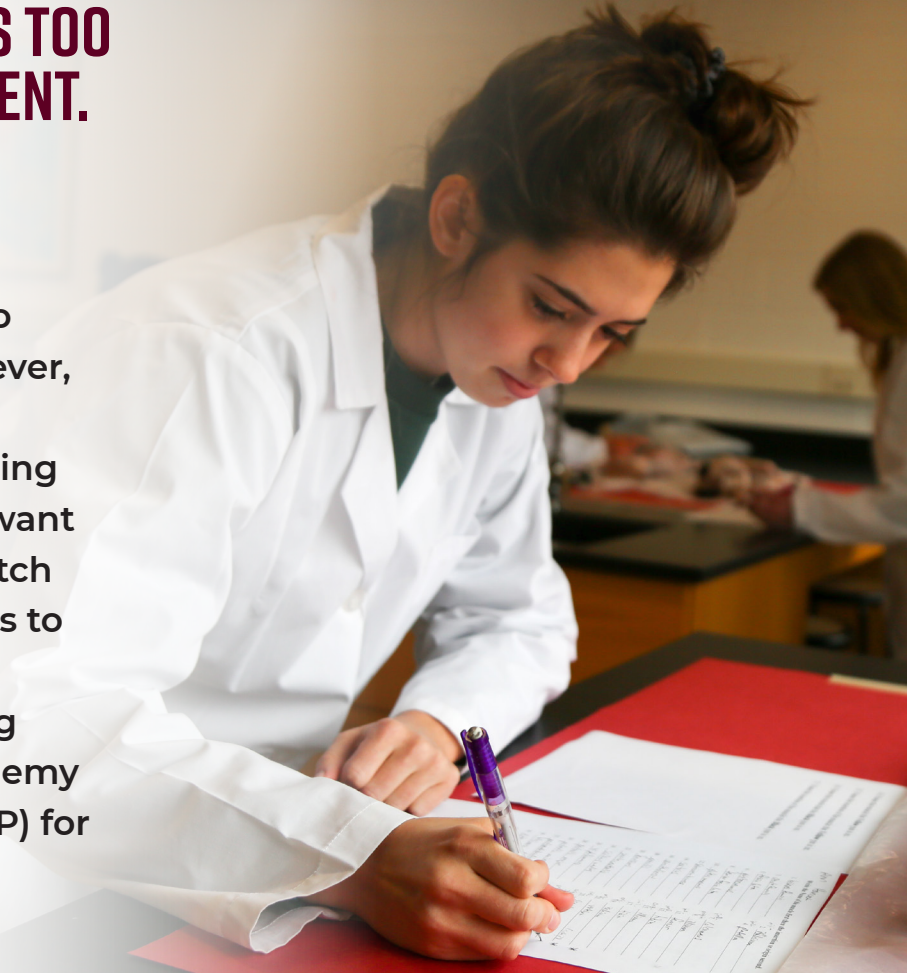
**Jon, Current Parent**



# 5

## THE CURRICULUM IS TOO HARD FOR MY STUDENT.

Wheaton Academy is academically challenging. We believe a rigorous education is the most effective way to prepare students for the future. However, this intentional challenge includes differentiation and appropriately placing students in their learning zones. We want students to experience a healthy stretch each day, and all students have access to the help they need to be successful through smaller class sizes and willing teachers. Additionally, Wheaton Academy offers Individualized Service Plans (ISP) for those students with learning needs.



# 6

## MY STUDENT WON'T FIT IN.

The atmosphere among the students of Wheaton Academy is often described as a family. The typical class separation of high school is broken down as senior leaders mentor freshmen, and weekly faculty-led Advisory Groups help students navigate the challenges they might face in high school. And—with over 2,000 spots for students to be involved in co-curricular activities—there is truly a place for everyone to feel known and accepted!

**52**

ADVISORY  
GROUPS

**80+**

DIFFERENT  
CO-CURRICULAR  
OPTIONS

**45**

PROJECT IX  
GROUPS



# 7

## I WANT MY STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE THE REAL WORLD BEFORE COLLEGE.

Wheaton Academy is not affiliated with any church denomination. Over 150 churches are represented in the student body. Different expressions of the Christian faith challenge the linear thinking of a Christian bubble. This diversity allows students to explore what they believe and why it matters with the additional guidance of our Christian faculty and staff. We want students to develop a Christ-centered biblical worldview that includes a continual learning of other perspectives.

*Wheaton Academy has done a great job of addressing tough topics. Through Community Time, Chapel, classes, and advisory groups, teachers talk to us about the challenges we face both now and after graduation. In those talks, they give us advice on how we should handle difficult situations and important perspectives to consider.*

**Matt, Class of 2019**



# 8

## THE STUDENTS ARE ALL THE SAME.

Wheaton Academy is constantly pursuing a Kingdom Community: a place where students from various backgrounds and ethnicities unify in the common goal of glorifying God. Additionally, we intentionally create a culture of dialogue and encouragement. Students are challenged each day to grow in their understanding, perspective, and respect of differences represented within the body of Christ.

*Wheaton Academy has taught me that once I see and treat others as human beings, differences don't become a barrier. They are a glue to connect and build relationships with others.*

**Gwyneth, Class of 2019**



# 9

## IF NONE OF MY FRIENDS COME, I WILL BE ALONE.

It is hard to leave the friends made during middle school. The student body of Wheaton Academy is ready to welcome new students and help them find a place to belong. Our Project IX team partners senior leaders with every freshman to help navigate the new high school life. Through retreats, mentor groups, and co-curricular activities, we know that every student will establish new friendships quickly.

*Wheaton Academy changed my daughter's life. She came from another school and did not know anyone before her first day. But, after her four years at Wheaton Academy, I am convinced that it was best choice we have made for our daughter.*

**Sophia, Alumni Parent**

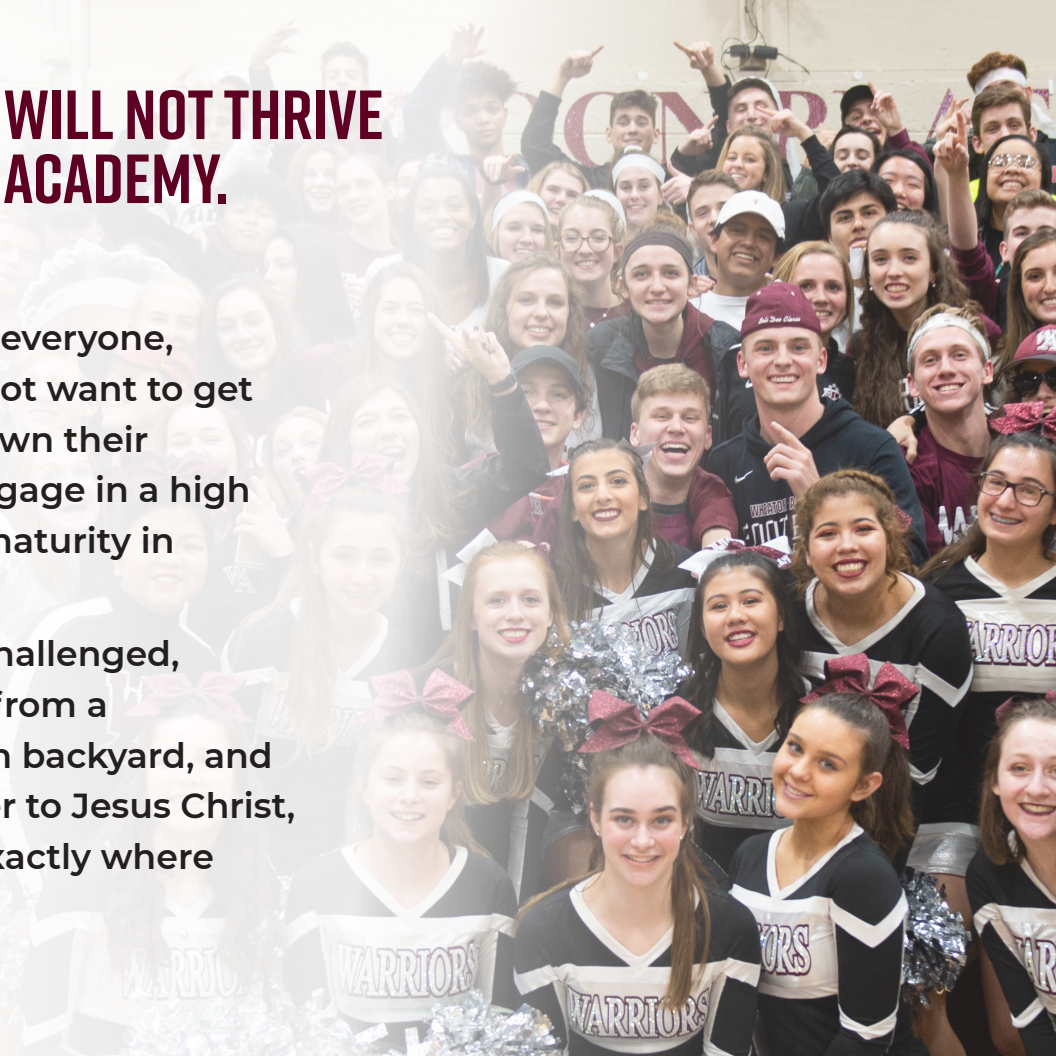


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## MY STUDENT WILL NOT THRIVE AT WHEATON ACADEMY.

Wheaton Academy is not for everyone, especially students who do not want to get involved in our community, own their learning experiences, and engage in a high school culture that expects maturity in students.

If your students want to be challenged, explore their passions, learn from a community beyond their own backyard, and most importantly, draw closer to Jesus Christ, then Wheaton Academy is exactly where your students should be!



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WHEATON ACADEMY,  
COME SEE IT FOR  
YOURSELF

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